SIXTH DAY.—*Saturday, 11th June 1932.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

Before the commencement of the proceedings, certain members represented with reference to the decision to hold the meeting on Sunday the 12th June, that the meeting might be postponed to Monday the 13th idem, to enable the members to witness the Birthday Festivities of His Highness the Maharaja on Tuesday.

On a re-consideration of the question, THE DEWAN agreed to comply with the request and said that the entire day would be devoted for Representations.

MR. V. V. IYER then invited the Dewan's attention to a press report in the *Tai Nadu* which referred to the conduct of a former Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga and said that there was an apprehension in certain quarters that it applied to the present incumbent. He therefore suggested the issue of a press communique explaining the facts. In this connection he felt it his duty to express the high esteem in which Mr. M. G. Mehkri, the present Deputy Commissioner, was held by the people of that district due to his qualities of head and heart.

THE DEWAN replied that there was no room for any such misapprehension as the report referred to did not apply to the present Deputy Commissioner.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Continued*).

MESSRS. H. KRISHNAMURTHIACHAR (Mulbagal Taluk) and M. CHANNABASAPPA (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—15. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) For how many years, the rules regarding grant of seasonal remissions have been in force?

(*b*) What was the amount remitted every year since the introduction of these rules?

(*c*) What would be the probable amount that shall have to be remitted every year if the rules as in force in Madras Presidency were to be adopted in this State?

(*d*) Whether Government have sanctioned the grant of seasonal remissions this year?

(*e*) If so, the taluks in which remissions have been ordered?

(*f*) The number and names of the taluks to which remissions have not been so granted this year and whether there were wet crops in these taluks?

(*g*) The reason for sanctioning remissions to certain taluks and refusing remissions to other taluks?

(*h*) Whether Government officers have inspected the places where there were no wet crops?

(*i*) Whether the raiyats of these places have presented their applications for remission?

(*j*) Whether they have been informed by means of endorsements that no remission could be granted to them?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—15. (*a*) Since 1922.

(*b*)

	Rs.	a.	p.
1922-23	24,410	0	0
1923-24	18,992	12	1
1924-25	20,542	6	9
1925-26	41,438	0	0
1926-27	49,720	4	4
1927-28	45,516	0	0
1928-29	46,634	6	1
1929-30	64,062	3	10
1930-31	17,849	3	10

(*c*) Not possible to furnish this information.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) and (*f*) Remissions have so far been sanctioned for the taluks of Bagepalli, Mulbagal, Madhugiri, Pavagada, Bowringpet, Goribidnur, Hiriyur and Molakalmuru, and the question of granting remission in a few other taluks is under consideration.

(*g*) Remissions have been sanctioned in cases in which the requisite conditions prescribed by standing orders have been fulfilled.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) Yes, in some cases.

(*j*) Yes, wherever such remissions could not be granted.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

May I know why the remission made in 1931-32 is not furnished in the statement ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The information is not available. The recommendations are being received from the Deputy Commissioners.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao:—

Who are the Deputy Commissioners that have sent up the recommendations ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

It is not possible to furnish that information.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Has any report been received about the failure of crops in the Kolar District ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Yes.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

To what taluks do they relate ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

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Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Do you know that in the area irrigated by the Palar river, there was no crop ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Will Government investigate the matter and grant remissions, if necessary ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

We shall see.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Who is the officer investigating the remission cases ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The local revenue officer.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Can any non-official be associated with him ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Not possible.

Mr. M. Channabasappa.—

Is remission given wherever there has been failure of crops due to non-supply of water ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Only if those cases come under the remission rules.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Is there not a rule that remission should be given wherever there is failure of wet crops under the tanks ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

If the failure in crop is only in one year, no remission is given.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

In view of the promises made in the past, is it not possible to alter the rules suitably ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

There is no idea to alter the remission rules now.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

What is meant by "seasonal remissions" ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Remissions given on account of complete failure of crops due to non-supply of water.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

With reference to the answer that remission cases are recommended after the inspection of each area by the local

officers concerned, are Government aware that such inspections are confined in practice only to road-side villages?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

Do you know that in a village called Shivane, no remission was given because no officer inspected it?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

We do not know.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

If they do not inspect the crops, how can they recommend remissions?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

We receive petitions from the raiyats, which will be investigated.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

Will those petitions be considered and remissions given?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

If those cases come under the rules, they will be considered.

Mr. V. V. Iyer.—

If the local officers send up a recommendation for increasing the *khists* of revenue collections, will it be granted?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

It will be considered when the recommendation is received.

Mr. S. Venkatasami Gowda.—

With reference to answer to sub-section (*f*), may I know the substance of the report relating to remission cases sent up by the local officers?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

There are several reports received and it is not possible to furnish the information.

Mr. Rame Gowda.—

'Is there no rule that remissions must be granted when there is complete failure of crops?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

. If there is failure due to non-supply of water continuously for 2 years and when the crop falls below 4 annas in the rupee, then remission is granted.

Mr. Rame Gowda.—

There are some places in the Kolar District where the lands were not even ploughed for want of water supply. In such cases, will you give remissions?

Second Member of Council.—

The Deputy Commissioner will recommend such cases and they will be considered by Government.

Mr. Rame Gowda.—

Will Government call for a detailed report from the Deputy Commissioner about the cultivation under the tanks and the cases deserving of remissions?

Second Member of Council.—

They will be dealt with by the Deputy Commissioner under the rules. The procedure is that the raiyats concerned petition the local revenue officer who will inspect the place and make a report. That report with the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner will go to the Revenue Commissioner. The Revenue Commissioner will recommend the cases deserving of remission under the rules and Government will pass orders thereon. Thus there is no need for Government to call for any special report.

Mr. P. Sitharamiah.—

With reference to answers to sub-sections (*e*) and (*f*), is any recommendation received for remissions in the Chamarajanagar Taluk?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No.

Mr. P. Sitharamiah.—

Have not the raiyats been petitioning the Government for the past 2 years?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Notice.

Mr. P. Sitharamiah.—

With reference to answer to sub-section (*j*), do you know that endorsements have not been given to the raiyats as to the disposal of their petitions ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

We will see that endorsements are given in all such cases.

Mr. M. Channabasappa.—

Do the rules require that the raiyats should petition the Deputy Commissioner for remissions ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No, the Sub-Divisional Officer or even the Amildar may after local inspections recommend cases for remission.

Mr. M. Channabasappa.—

Then should they not give an endorsement as to the disposal of such petitions?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Yes.

Mr. M. Channabasappa.—

Are Government aware that, if endorsement is not given, it is due to not inspecting the places in respect of which remissions are applied for?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

If specific cases are brought to notice, they will be inquired into.

Mr. B. Seetharamiah.—

Does not the jamabandi officer send up a report to the Deputy Commissioner about the supply of water under each tank ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The jamabandi officer cannot inspect every tank.

Mr. Kulle Gowda.—

Do you know that wherever remissions were due, they were not given and that lands were auctioned in the years 1927 and 1928 for arrears of revenue?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

We do not know.

Mr. K A. Rahim.—

With reference to sub-section (*g*), I have known a case in which there was no water at all in the tanks and yet remissions were not granted to the lands in the *atchkat*. Is there provision in the rules for such cases?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The rules are clear on the subject.

Second Member of Council.—

You must see the rules for yourself. We are here to give you the facts and not interpret the rules for you.

Mr. K. Venkataswamiah.—

Have not the raiyats of the Chamarajanagar Taluk petitioned the Government for remissions?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Notice.

Mr. K. Venkataswamiah.—

Now that this matter has been brought to the notice of Government, will they kindly inquire into it hereafter at least?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

If the raiyats had sent petitions, they would have been inquired into.

Dharmaprakasa Rao Bahadur D. Banumiah. —

The Harsanakere tank near the Nanjangud Town is very shallow and the raiyats cannot raise even dry crops there. Will Government improve it?

Second Member of Council.—

That subject does not arise here. We will however enquire.

Mr. G. K. Veeranna.—

With reference to answers to sub-sections (*e*) and (*f*), what are the other taluks referred to?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

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Mr. G. K. Veeranna.—

Does not the case of Chamarajanagar come under it?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

Why is there such a disparity in the amount of remissions given in 1929-30 and in the very next year?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Because of the change in the seasonal conditions.

Mr. Mahomed Imam.—

Why don't you give remissions to dry lands also as in Madras?

Second Member of Council.—

The Madras rules are different. We are only concerned with the operation of the existing rules here.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sahib.—

Are all the taluks treated alike in the matter of giving remissions?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Yes; wherever remissions are called for under the rules, they will be given.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sahib.—

What is the remedy open to the raiyats if the deserving cases do not receive the concession?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Such things may be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Mir Mahomed Sahib.—

What is meant by "in some cases" referred to in the answer to sub-section (*i*) ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

It means not in all cases.

Mr. Lingadahalli Siddappa.—

Was not a representation sent for remission from Chennagiri Taluk ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Notice.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Has not the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, sent up a recommendation for the inclusion of the garden and rain-fed lands in the remission rules ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No.

Mr. Y. K. Channaveerappa.—

Whenever dry crops are raised in wet lands, no remission is given. Have not representations been received on this question from the raiyats ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Notice.

Mr. Y. K. Channaveerappa.—

What should the raiyats do when no action is taken on their petitions ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is open to them to send a reminder.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Is there any record kept by Government about the amount of rainfall and the nature of the crops raised every year ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The *Pahani* register gives the particulars about crops, and the rainfall is recorded in the rain-gauge stations.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Is it not a fact that there has been a fall in the agricultural yield during 1930-31 ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

I don't think so.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Wherever you have not given remissions in spite of petitions, have you informed the petitioners ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

The Deputy Commissioners do it on receipt of final orders of Government.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Is the rule about giving endorsement observed in practice ?

Second Member of Council.—

It must be observed.

Mr. Surangi Siddabasappa.—

Do you know that in the Shikarpur Taluk no wet crop was raised and that the raiyats had applied for remissions ?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Government have passed orders in regard to that taluk.

Mr. Surangi Siddabasappa.—

What is the purport of the order ?

Second Member of Council.—

Please refer to it yourself.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

Have you received any applications from the raiyats of the Nagamangala Taluk ?

Second Member of Council.—

We cannot answer questions relating to individual taluks without previous notice.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

The Second Member of Council was pleased to visit the lands under the Sulekere tank and had asked the raiyats to apply for remissions. If petitions have been received, will they be considered favourably ?

Second Member of Council.—

We shall enquire.

Mr. M. Subbayya.—

Will the petitions for remission under the Thonnuru tank be considered ?

Second Member of Council.—

We have not got details about that tank. It will be inquired into.

MRS. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA (Women's Interest).—

Q.—51. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Is it a fact that Government are seriously thinking of converting the Maharani's College into a second grade college ?

(*b*) If it is so, what is the object of Government in doing so, whether it is one of economy or otherwise ?

(*c*) Are they contemplating to convert the second grade Intermediate College at Bangalore into a first grade college; and if so, is it the idea to make it a science college or an arts college or both ?

(*d*) If it is going to be a science college, will it be possible for the students to get as good instructions as in the Central College ?

(*e*) If it is going to be an arts college, will not the advantage of the teaching by the staff of the Maharaja's College be lost to the girl students and will it not also mean more cost ?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—51. (*a*) The question is under consideration.

(*b*) The object is to secure economy as well as to afford adequate and suitable facilities for higher education of girls.

(*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) The women's colleges in Mysore and Bangalore are each very small institutions inadequately accommodated along with girls' high schools.